IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

In re: Ammann et al.

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DEVICE COMPRISING AN ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT CARRIED BY A For:

CARRIER ELEMENT AND METHOD FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF

SUCH A DEVICE

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BOX PATENT APPLICATION Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification including the claims by the current amendment. The marked-up version of the changes is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, at line 3 (after the title), please insert the following text:

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-- RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application claims priority from German Application No. 100 54 541.6 filed on November 3, 2000, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. --

On page 6, at lines 29-32, please replace the last paragraph with the following:

-- The foregoing is illustrative of the present invention and is not to be construed as limiting thereof. Although a few exemplary embodiments of this invention have been described, those skilled in the art will readily appreciate that many modifications are possible in the exemplary embodiments without materially departing from the novel teachings and advantages of this invention. Accordingly, all such modifications are intended to be included within the scope of this invention as defined in the claims. In the claims, means-plus-function clauses are intended to

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